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Childs Residence  
Millersville  
Private

Circa 1840 with a  
circa 1852 addition

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**1. Name**

historic George Miller Residence and Millersville Store and Post Office

and or common Childs Residence (preferred)

**2. Location**

street & number 1003 Cecil Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Millersville N/A vicinity of Fourth Congressional District

state Maryland code 24 county Anne Arundel code 003

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
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			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
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			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Isabella W. Childs

street & number 1003 Cecil Avenue

city, town Millersville N/A vicinity of state Maryland 21108

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse

street & number Church Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Maryland Historical Trust  
Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1978 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

## 7. Description

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Number of Resources		Number of previously listed National Register properties included in this nomination: <u>0</u>
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For General Description, see Continuation Sheet No. 1

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The dwelling is composed of two parts. The main block, constructed in circa 1852, is a two-story frame, slightly asymmetrical, central passage, double-pile plan house with a gable roof. At the east gable end, the main block abuts an earlier (circa 1840) one room plan, 1-1/2 story frame house with a slightly lower, 1-1/2 story rear ell. The main block is wider than the earlier wing, creating a broken facade line with the wing set back from the main block. The wing and ell are covered with more steeply pitched gable roofs than the main block.

The house rests on a low stone foundation. The exterior walls are covered with weatherboard siding which is painted white. The gable roofs are covered with standing-seam metal which is painted red. There are four interior gable end brick chimneys in the main block, and two in the east wing—one at the east gable end and another at the north gable end of the ell.

A one-story hip roof porch supported by eight turned posts with jig-sawn brackets runs across the facade of the house, following the broken facade line. The porch rests on a low brick foundation. In addition to the ornate brackets, the porch is embellished further with a dentilled cornice. A louvered screen closes the west end of the porch.

The principal entrance is located on the facade, south elevation, of the main block. It is composed of a six-panel door, flanked by four-pane sidelights. The rear entrance (north elevation) is covered by a door hood supported by diagonal bracing. There is an entrance in the wing on the facade which consists of a late 19th century arched-panel door. There are two entrances into the ell, both on the west elevation. The southernmost has a batten door. Just to the north of this entrance there is evidence of a seam in the wall, suggesting that the north end of the ell which measures two bays, one of which is an entrance, was either originally a separate structure which was later moved and joined to the house, or that it occupies its original site and the ell was extended to connect it with the house.

The windows in the house are predominately 6/6 sash windows with louvered shutters. The first story facade of the main block has large 2/2 sash windows which extend to the floor. The half-story level of the wing has 3/6 sash windows on the facade, and 6 pane casement windows on the remaining elevations.

Interior: The original floor plan of the house and finishings have been maintained, with minor alterations. The central passage of the main block contains the stair which rises along the west partition wall to the second floor.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The stair is composed of a mid-19th century slender, tapered newel post and plain, square balusters, two per tread. The east rooms of the main block are joined by a wide opening which was originally closed off by double, six-panel doors. The mantel in the southeast room is a plain mid-19th century wooden mantel, similar to the other mantels in the house, with one exception. The northeast room of the main block has an ornate marbelized slate mantel centered on the east wall. Unfortunately, the center medallion piece is missing. The names of some members of the Cecil family are inscribed into the upper right corner of this mantel and into the windows in this room.

The floors in the main block on the first floor are the original wide pine boards.

There are two interesting pieces of hardware in the main block of the house. They are two Carpenter-type iron rim locks: one on the front door and the other on an interior batten door to the northwest room (now a kitchen). The front door lock is encased in a metal box and has a round brass patent seal which bears the arms of England surrounded by "Carpenter & Tildesley, Manufactures." The other lock is on a wide, beaded batten door which leads from the central passage at the north end into the northwest room. It is a wooden box lock with a similar brass seal which bears the same arms of England motif, but with "John Young, Patent" surrounding it. Two holes on either side of the keyhole indicate where a handle may once have been secured.

The east wing is accessed through a door in the northeast room of the main block. Centered on the east wall of this one-room section of the house is a plain mid-19th century mantel. To the left are built-in cupboards with raised panel doors. The ell is now used for storage. There is an interesting iron latch-lock that survives on the batten door in the ell.

Other buildings associated with this property include the circa 1840 smokehouse/dairy and a circa 1920 store. The smokehouse is a heavy timber frame constructed building which is covered with wide weatherboard siding, some of which appears to be the original riven boards. The building measures 12 feet 5 inches square and rests on a low stone foundation. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal; a vestigial ventilator survives at the ridge line. The opening to the smokehouse is on the south elevation. It has a batten door covered with rosehead nails, which once added extra security for the meat stored inside. The door is hinged on the inside with metal strap hinges.

See Continuation Sheet No. 3

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The east elevation of the smokehouse has an entrance to the dairy. This appears to have been cut in at a later date. Steps lead down to the dairy just inside the door.

The circa 1920 store replaces an earlier one on this site. According to the present owner, the present store was built to look like the earlier one which burned. The present store, now used as an antique store, is a rectangular, 1-1/2 story building with the facade oriented toward the east gable end (toward Cecil Avenue). The facade entrance and one on the north elevation are covered with door hoods supported by diagonal bracing. Windows are 6/6 sash with louvered shutters.

Other outbuildings known to have stood on this property include a tobacco barn, chicken house, summer kitchen and a privy.

1. The Carpenter locks were invented in England by James Carpenter in 1800. An improvement was made with the assistance of John Young and patented in 1830. James Tildesley, the son-in-law of Carpenter, joined the firm in 1844. These locks were manufactured in large numbers by a number of firms in the second half of the 19th century and enjoyed widespread use in this country.

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Specific dates	c. 1840; c. 1852 c. 1920	Builder Architect	unknown
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)      Applicable Criteria: A, B  
Applicable Exceptions: none  
Significance Evaluated: local

The Childs Residence (George Miller Residence and Millersville Store and Post Office) is locally significant as the dwelling of the first Postmaster in Millersville, Anne Arundel County, and for having continuously served as the Post Office and community store for 130 years. Millersville, named for the first Postmaster, George Miller, was the first Post Office to be designated, in 1841, along the Annapolis & Elkridge Railroad. Completed in 1840, the A&E was one of the earliest rail lines in this country, connecting Annapolis with the Washington branch of the B&O Railroad. Today Millersville is still a small crossroads village, surrounded by existing and proposed modern residential and industrial park development. The Childs Residence is the focal point of the town; it is the visual link to the past significance of this rural commercial center. Architecturally, the Childs Residence is typical of the popular form of mid-19th century domestic architecture in America. It has been relatively unaltered and has retained its architectural integrity, giving a sense of time and place to the village of Millersville. Also noteworthy are the surviving smokehouse and rural store.

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**HISTORY AND SUPPORT:**

Based on the architectural evidence, construction of the Childs Residence dwelling was begun in circa 1840. In 1839, John Miller of Anne Arundel County purchased 470 acres, parts of "Hammonds Inclosure" and "Abingdon" from Charles and Rebecca Waters, also of Anne Arundel County, for \$7005.00.<sup>1</sup> In 1852, John Miller sold a parcel known as "Millersville," comprising 13 5/8 acres, and including "the buildings erected thereon" to his son, George Miller, for \$3,000.00.<sup>2</sup>

U.S. population census data for 1840 reveals that John Miller was the head of a household of nine persons and was employed in agriculture. George Miller is listed separately, and was employed in commerce.<sup>3</sup>

U.S. Postmaster Appointment Records record that George Miller was appointed the first Postmaster of Millersville at the age of 20 on July 24, 1841.<sup>4</sup> It seems apparent that George Miller constructed a dwelling (the earlier portion of the present Childs Residence) for himself on a portion of his father's land by 1840, and was operating a store, either from this structure or another that no longer survives. The purchase of land by John Miller, the construction of a dwelling, and the opening of George Miller's store coincide with the completion of the Annapolis and Elkridge Railroad in 1840. The dwelling stands just a few feet north of the A&E Railroad bed and proved to be an ideal location.

The frame smokehouse dates from this first construction period.

George Miller<sup>5</sup> is listed in the 1850 census as a storekeeper with real estate valued at \$1,000. By this time he was married to Harriet R. Milier. Two years later, John Miller sold the "Millersville" parcel to his son, George Miller. Construction of the main block of the dwelling probably dates from this time.

During this period Millersville grew as a commercial center, rivaling the preeminece of Indian Landing on the Severn River as central Anne Arundel County's transportation center. Equity records for many of the surrounding farms cite the close proximity to both Millersville Station on the A&E Railroad and the wharf at Indian Landing. Martenet's map of 1860 shows a blacksmith shop, store and Post Office and George Miller's dwelling all located on Miller's property.

In 1860, after the death of John Miller, 75 acres of his property were conveyed by his children to his son, George Miller.<sup>6</sup> Nine years later George Miller and his wife sold all of their property to Owen Cecil, a large landholder in the community. The Millers apparently left the area. Six days after Owen Cecil acquired the Miller property, his son Leonidas Cecil was appointed the Postmaster of Millersville.<sup>8</sup> Leonidas Cecil received title to this property after his father's death in 1882. Owen Cecil died owning over 1,000 acres of land valued at \$30,000.00.



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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (continued)

According to the present owner, Leonidas Cecil moved the store from the house and constructed a new building in the late 19th century for the store and Post Office, directly west of the dwelling, across what is now Cecil Avenue.

After Leonidas Cecil's death in 1894, Nathan Childs, the father-in-law of the present owner, became the Postmaster in 1899.<sup>10</sup> Thirteen years later, Helen S. Cecil, widow of Leonidas Cecil, sold the Millersville property to Nathan Childs.<sup>11</sup> In circa 1920, the store burned, but was rebuilt on the same site by Child's to resemble the original store built by Cecil.<sup>12</sup>

At Child's death in 1930, his son Nathan W. Childs inherited the property and continued the family tradition as Postmaster of Millersville.<sup>13</sup> In the 1930s, the store was moved back into the dwelling and occupied the west side of the main block. In the 1940s it was again moved back into the store building across Cecil Avenue. The Childs offered a complete line of merchandise. The store and Post Office continued to operate until the retirement of Nathan W. Childs in 1972. His retirement brought to an end 130 years of continuous mercantile and postal service from this site.

Footnotes:

1. Anne Arundel County Land Records, Liber WSG No. 23, Folio 592.
2. Land Records, Liber NHG No. 1, Folio 101.
3. U.S. Population Census, 1840.
4. Record of Appointment of Postmasters, Vol. 9, 1832-1843, (Washington, D.C.: National Archives & Records Service, 1973).
5. U.S. Population Census, 1850.
6. Land Records, Liber NHG No. 9, Folio 28.
7. Land Records, Liber SH No. 3, Folio 225.
8. Record of Appointment of Postmasters, Vol. 24, 1857-1874.
9. Land Records, Liber SH No. 22, Folio 558; Equity Records #908, Nov. 22, 1883.
10. Record of Appointment of Postmasters, Vol. 62, 1888-1930.
11. Land Records, Liber GW No. 92, Folio 4.
12. Interview with Isabella W. Childs, January 23, 1985.
13. Record of Appointment of Postmasters, Vol. 62, 1888-1930.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Footnotes, Continuation Sheet No. 5

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approx. 3 acresQuadrangle name Odenton, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries are depicted on the attached map; the nominated property, approximately 3 acres, encompasses all elements of the resource within their immediate setting.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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N/A			

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ms. Donna WareAnne Arundel County Historic Sites Surveyorganization Anne Arundel County Planning & Zon. date 1985street & number Arundel Center telephone (301) 224-1270city or town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature  date 1-30-86title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

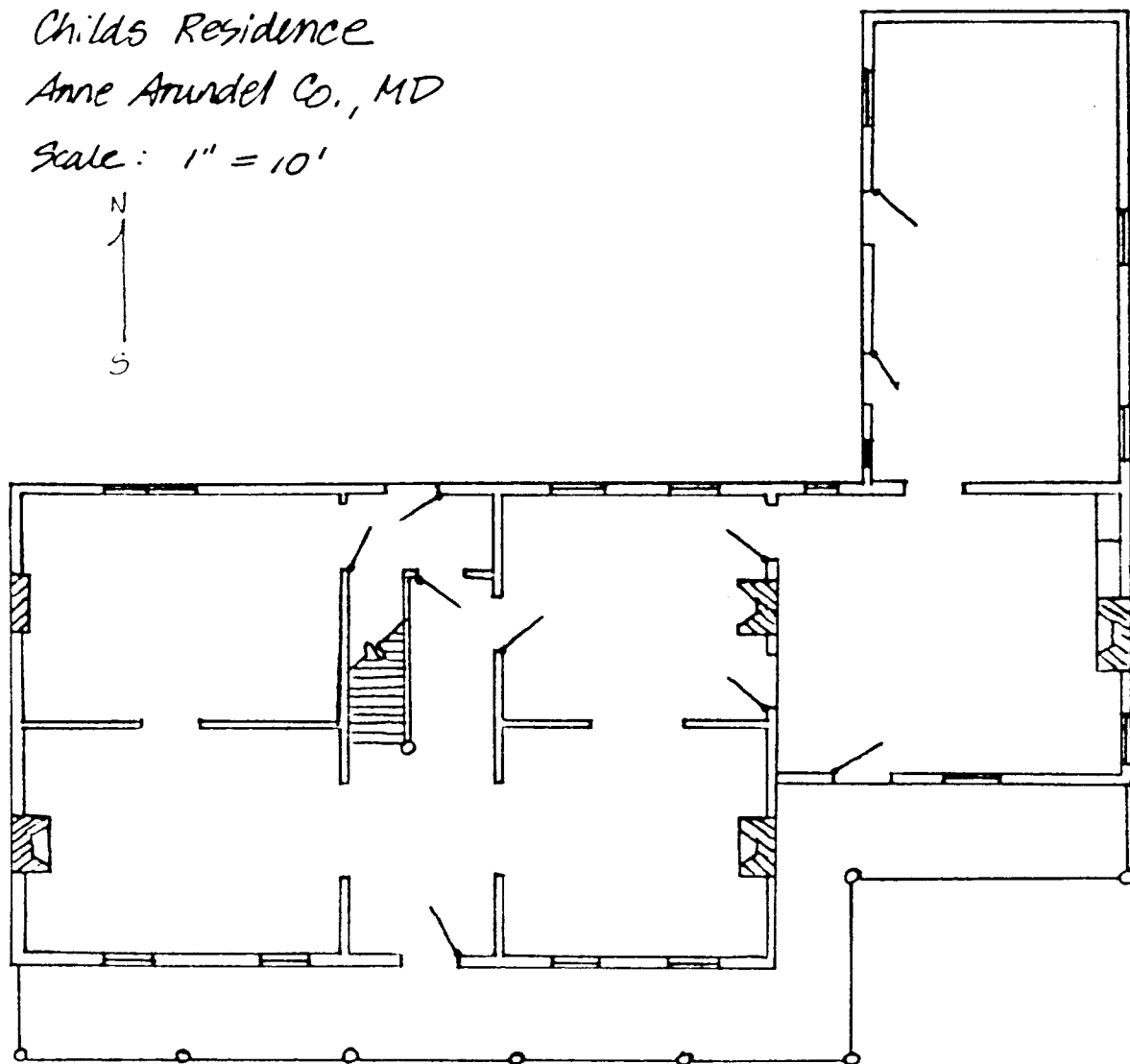
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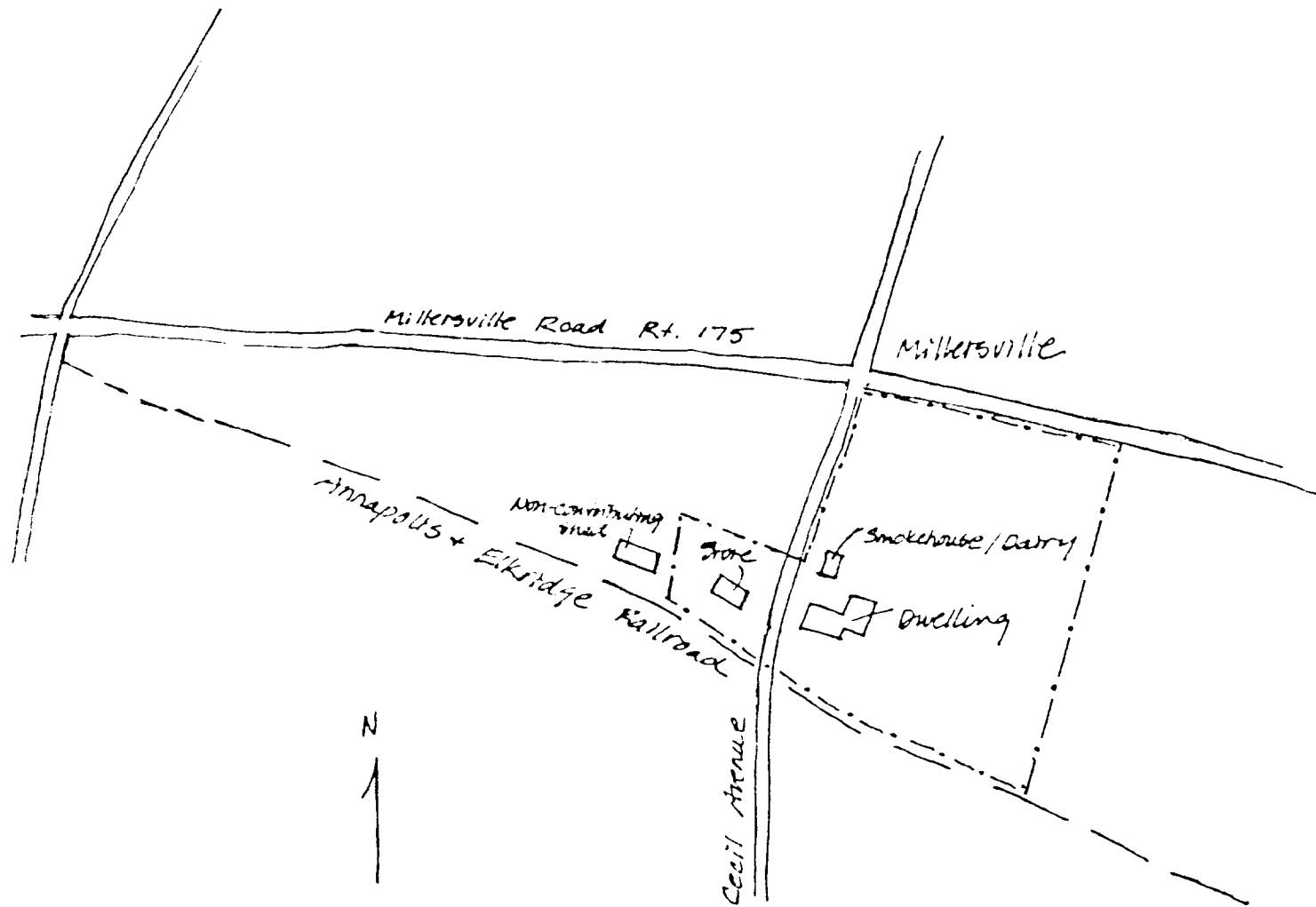
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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

on Nat. Reg.

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## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Isabella W. Childs

street &amp; number 1003 Cecil Avenue telephone no.: (301) 923-3167

city, town Millersville state and zip code MD 21108

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### Check one

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### Check one

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☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### Summary Paragraph

The Childs Residence (George Miller Residence and Millersville Store and Post Office) is locally significant as the dwelling of the first Postmaster in Millersville, Anne Arundel County, and for having continuously served as the Post Office and community store for 130 years. Millersville, named for the first Postmaster, George Miller, was the first Post Office to be designated, in 1841, along the Annapolis & Elkridge Railroad (the A&E). Completed in 1840, the A&E was one of the earliest rail lines in this country, connecting Annapolis with the Washington branch of the B&O Railroad.

Today Millersville is still a small crossroads village, surrounded by existing and proposed modern residential and industrial park development. The Childs Residence is the focal point of the town; it is the visual link to the past significance of this rural commercial center.

Architecturally, the Childs Residence is typical of the popular form of mid-19th century domestic architecture in America. It has been relatively unaltered and has retained its architectural integrity, giving a sense of time and place to the village of Millersville. Also noteworthy are the surviving smokehouse and rural store.

### History and Support

Based on the architectural evidence, construction of the Childs Residence dwelling was begun in circa 1840. In 1839, John Miller of Anne Arundel County purchased 470 acres, parts of "Hammonds Inclosure" and "Abingdon" from Charles and Rebecca Waters, also of Anne Arundel County, for \$7005.00.<sup>1</sup> In 1852, John Miller sold a parcel known as "Millersville," comprising 13 5/8 acres, and including "the buildings erected thereon" to his son, George Miller, for \$3,000.00.<sup>2</sup>

U.S. population census data for 1840 reveals that John Miller was the head of a household of nine persons and was employed in agriculture. George Miller is listed separately, and was employed in commerce.<sup>3</sup>

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. AA-110

See Footnotes.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name OdentonQuadrangle scale 7.5 minute

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries are depicted on the attached map; the nominated property, approximately 10 acres, encompasses all elements of the resource within their immediate setting.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Donna M. Ware		
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city or town	Annapolis	state	MD

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diagonal bracing. There is an entrance in the wing on the facade which consists of a late 19th century arched-panel door. There are two entrances into the ell, both on the west elevation. The southernmost has a batten door. Just to the north of this entrance there is evidence of a seam in the wall, suggesting that the north end of the ell which measures two bays, one of which is an entrance, was either originally a separate structure which was later moved and joined to the house, or that it occupies its original site and the ell was extended to connect it with the house.

The windows in the house are predominately 6/6 sash windows with louvered shutters. The first story facade of the main block has large 2/2 sash windows which extend to the floor. The half-story level of the wing has 3/6 sash windows on the facade, and 6 pane casement windows on the remaining elevations.

Interior: The original floor plan of the house and finishings have been maintained, with minor alterations. The central passage of the main block contains the stair which rises along the west partition wall to the second floor. The stair is composed of a mid-19th century slender, tapered newel post and plain, square balusters, two per tread. The east rooms of the main block are joined by a wide opening which was originally closed off by double, six-panel doors. The mantel in the southeast room is a plain mid-19th century wooden mantel, similar to the other mantels in the house, with one exception. The northeast room of the main block has an ornate marbelized slate mantel centered on the east wall. Unfortunately, the center medallion piece is missing. The names of some members of the Cecil family are inscribed into the upper right corner of this mantel and into the windows in this room.

The floors in the main block on the first floor are the original wide pine boards.

There are two interesting pieces of hardware in the main block of the house. They are two Carpenter-type iron rim locks: one on the front door and the other on an interior batten door to the northwest room (now a kitchen). The front door lock is encased in a metal box and has a round brass patent seal which bears the arms of England surrounded by "Carpenter & Tildesley, Manufactures." The other lock is on a wide, beaded batten door which leads from the central passage at the north end into the northwest room. It is a wooden box lock with a similar brass seal which bears the same arms of England motif, but with "John Young, Patent" surrounding it. Two holes on either side of the keyhole indicate where a handle may once have been secured.

The east wing is accessed through a door in the northeast room of the main block. Centered on the east wall of this one-room section of the house is a plain mid-19th century mantel. To the left are built-in cupboards with raised panel doors. The ell is now used for storage. There is an interesting iron latch-lock that survives on the batten door in the ell.

Other buildings associated with this property include the circa 1840 smokehouse/dairy and a circa 1920 store. The smokehouse is a heavy timber frame constructed building which is covered with wide weatherboard siding, some of which appears to be the original riven boards. The building measures 12 feet 5 inches square and rests on a low stone foundation. The gable roof is covered

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with corrugated metal; a vestigial ventilator survives at the ridge line. The opening to the smokehouse is on the south elevation. It has a batten door covered with rosehead nails, which once added extra security for the meat stored inside. The door is hinged on the inside with metal strap hinges.

The east elevation of the smokehouse has an entrance to the dairy. This appears to have been cut in at a later date. Steps lead down to the dairy just inside the door.

The circa 1920 store replaces an earlier one on this site. According to the present owner, the present store was built to look like the earlier one which burned. The present store, now used as an antique store, is a rectangular, 1-1/2 story building with the facade oriented toward the east gable end (toward Cecil Avenue). The facade entrance and one on the north elevation are covered with door hoods supported by diagonal bracing. Windows are 6/6 sash with louvered shutters.

Other outbuildings known to have stood on this property include a tobacco barn, chicken house, summer kitchen and a privy.

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1. The Carpenter locks were invented in England by James Carpenter in 1800. An improvement was made with the assistance of John Young and patented in 1830. James Tildesley, the son-in-law of Carpenter, joined the firm in 1844. These locks were manufactured in large numbers by a number of firms in the second half of the 19th century and enjoyed widespread use in this country.

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U.S. Postmaster Appointment Records record that George Miller was appointed the first Postmaster of Millersville at the age of 20 on July 24, 1841.<sup>4</sup> It seems apparent that George Miller constructed a dwelling (the earlier portion of the present Childs Residence) for himself on a portion of his father's land by 1840, and was operating a store, either from this structure or another that no longer survives. The purchase of land by John Miller, the construction of a dwelling, and the opening of George Miller's store coincide with the completion of the Annapolis and ElkrIDGE Railroad in 1840. The dwelling stands just a few feet north of the A&E Railroad bed and proved to be an ideal location.

The frame smokehouse dates from this first construction period.

George Miller is listed in the 1850 census as a storekeeper with real estate valued at \$1,000.<sup>5</sup> By this time he was married to Harriet R. Miller. Two years later, John Miller sold the "Millersville" parcel to his son, George Miller. Construction of the main block of the dwelling probably dates from this time.

During this period Millersville grew as a commercial center, rivaling the preeminence of Indian Landing on the Severn River as central Anne Arundel County's transportation center. Equity records for many of the surrounding farms cite the close proximity to both Millersville Station on the A&E Railroad and the wharf at Indian Landing. Martenet's map of 1860 shows a blacksmith shop, store and Post Office and George Miller's dwelling all located on Miller's property.

In 1860, after the death of John Miller, 75 acres of his property were conveyed by his children to his son, George Miller.<sup>6</sup> Nine years later George Miller and his wife sold all of their property to Owen Cecil, a large landholder in the community. The Millers apparently left the area. Six days after Owen Cecil acquired the Miller property, his son Leonidas Cecil was appointed the Postmaster of Millersville.<sup>8</sup> Leonidas Cecil received title to this property after his father's death in 1882. Owen Cecil died owning over 1,000 acres of land valued at \$30,000.00.

According to the present owner, Leonidas Cecil moved the store from the house and constructed a new building in the late 19th century for the store and Post Office, directly west of the dwelling, across what is now Cecil Avenue.

After Leonidas Cecil's death in 1894, Nathan Childs, the father-in-law of the present owner, became the Postmaster in 1899.<sup>10</sup> Thirteen years later, Helen S. Cecil, widow of Leonidas Cecil, sold the Millersville property to Nathan Childs.<sup>11</sup> In circa 1920, the store burned, but was rebuilt on the same site by Childs to resemble the original store built by Cecil.<sup>12</sup>

At Childs' death in 1930, his son Nathan W. Childs inherited the property and continued the family tradition as Postmaster of Millersville.<sup>13</sup> In the 1930's, the store was moved into the dwelling and occupied the west side of the main block. In the 1940's, it was again moved back into the store building across Cecil Avenue. The Childs offered a complete line of merchandise. The store and Post Office continued to operate until the retirement of Nathan W. Childs in 1972. His retirement brought to an end 130 years of continuous mercantile and postal service from this site.

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## #8. Continuation sheet, page 3

1. Anne Arundel County Land Records, Liber WSG No. 23, Folio 592.
2. Land Records, Liber NHG No. 1, Folio 101.
3. U.S. Population Census, 1840.
4. Record of Appointment of Postmasters, Vol. 9, 1832-1843, (Washington, D.C.: National Archives & Records Service, 1973).
5. U.S. Population Census, 1850.
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7. Land Records, Liber SH No. 3, Folio 225.
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9. Land Records, Liber SH No. 22, Folio 558; Equity Records #908, Nov. 22, 1883.
10. Record of Appointment of Postmasters, Vol. 62, 1888-1930.
11. Land Records, Liber GW No. 92, Folio 4.
12. Interview with Isabella W. Childs, January 23, 1985.
13. Record of Appointment of Postmasters, Vol. 62, 1888-1930.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON Child's Residence

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1003 Cecil Avenue  
east side of Cecil Ave., south of Millersville Rd. intersect

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Millersville

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY Anne Arundel

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Esabella W. Childs

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Millersville

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anne Arundel

Liber #: 2335 map 30 p.160  
Folio #: 705

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Childs. Residence is located on the east side of Cecil Ave., south of the intersection of Millersville Rd., facing south. The Annapolis and Elkridge Railroad, which began service in 1840, ran a few feet from the house.

The structure is a two part, two story, frame dwelling consisting of a five bay main section joined by a an L shaped wing on the east elevation. Both sections are covered with weatherboards.

A five bay screened porch with a slightly inclined shed roof extends across the south front, the west side of which is fitted with louvered blinds. A porch with a bracketed cornice extends across the south front of the wing and joins the main porch.

The main entrance is in the center bay front elevation. Another entrance, in the center bay north elevation, is sheltered by a small shed roof on brackets.

Most of the windows in the building contain 6/6 light double-hung sash flanked by louvered shutters. The exceptions occur on the west side of the house which was used as a store in the late 19th century. Windows in the west bays, south elevation contain 2/2 light sash, and there is one large window in the west bay, north elevation containing a large 6 light window. The window above it on the second floor is the same. The fenestration on the wing is irregular. The west elevation has an off center entrance with the north window close to it and the south window close to the end of the wall.

The house has a standing seam tin, gable roof with the ridge running east-west. An inside end chimney is on the north slope of the east end and the south slope of the west end of the roof. There are also small inside end chimneys on the east and south gable ends of the wing.

A large frame meathouse covered with clapboards and a steep gable roof is found near the northwest corner of the house.

Interior: The house has a center hall plan with two rooms on either side. The stairs are on the east wall of the hall. A fireplace with a marble finish slate mantel is on the east wall of the south room. The front (south) room of the wing has a fireplace with a simple mantel. Built into the wall on the north side of the mantel is a paneled cupboard (full length), and a small cupboard is found in the south side of the chimney breast.

Several very large trees, including an elm-that is thought to be 200 years old-and a maple are close to the house.

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SPECIFIC DATES *mid 19th c.*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

*approximately*  
 For <sup>approximately</sup> 120 years the four Millersville post masters have lived with their families in this house near the tracks (now gone) of the Annapolis and Elkridge Railroad. In very good condition, the house is a typical, rambling, mid 19th century farm house. An examination of the interior shows that the wing was probably built before the main section of the house. A large frame meat house stands slightly north of the house.

The town of Millersville grew up around the Annapolis and Elkridge Railroad. George Miller, who <sup>is thought to have</sup> built or had built this house, was the first postmaster (c. 1842-1869). The postoffice, which today stands across the street from the house, burned c. 1913, but it was rebuilt to look as it did before the fire. The second postmaster (c. 1896-1899), a Mr. L. De Cecil ran a store in the house, the large windows on the west side of the house showing its location. Nathan Childs became postmaster in 1900 and his son, Nathan, took over for his father in 1930. He held the job until 1972 when the postoffice closed and moved to a new location. Today the crossroads at Millersville appears much as it probably did when the Annapolis and Elkridge Railroad came through and the post office was a freight office and general store.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

interview with Mrs. Nathan Childs, Sept. 19, 1978

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE Marion Morton Carroll-Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION A.A. Ct. Dept. of Planning and Zoning

DATE Oct. 1978

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Childs residence				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: South side of Millersville Road at Cecil Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Millersville				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Anne Arundel		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
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<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Esabella W. Childs				
STREET AND NUMBER: Millersville				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE: Maryland		21108
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Anne Arundel County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: Annapolis Maryland				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 2 story frame house is located at the center of the Millersville community which grew up around the Annapolis and Elkridge Railroad in the mid - 19th century. There are stores, the station, a post office and a school marked on the 1878 map at this cross-roads.

The house has a center hall plan, with end chimneys and an A-roof. There is a smaller wing at its east end and there is a large frame meat house just north of the house.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF ~~NOMINATED~~ PROPERTY: *86 acres*

Acreage Justification:

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <b>Amy Hiatt</b>	
ORGANIZATION <b>Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning</b>	DATE <b>August 1975</b>
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Arundel Center</b>	
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Annapolis</b>	STATE <b></b>

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

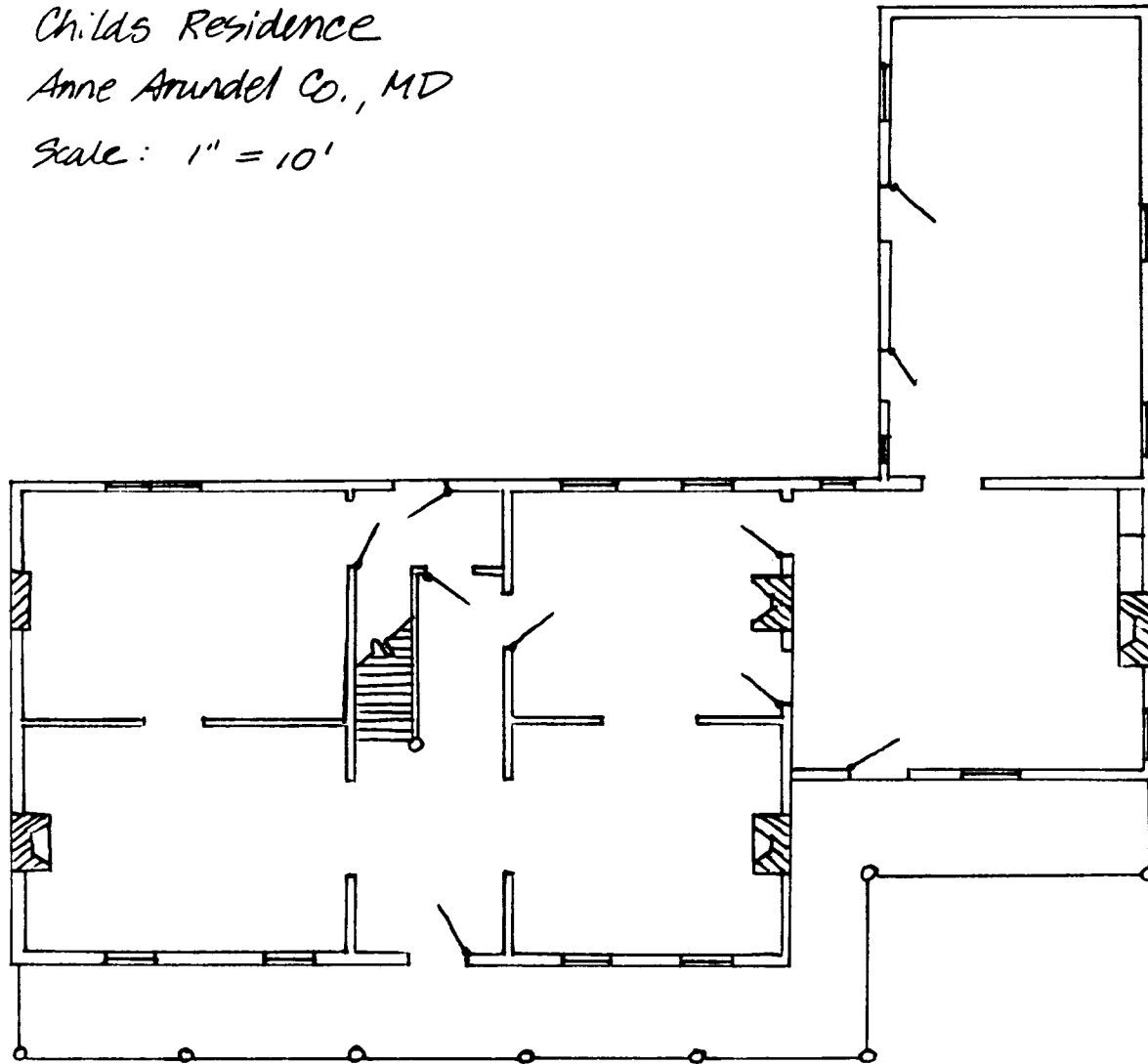
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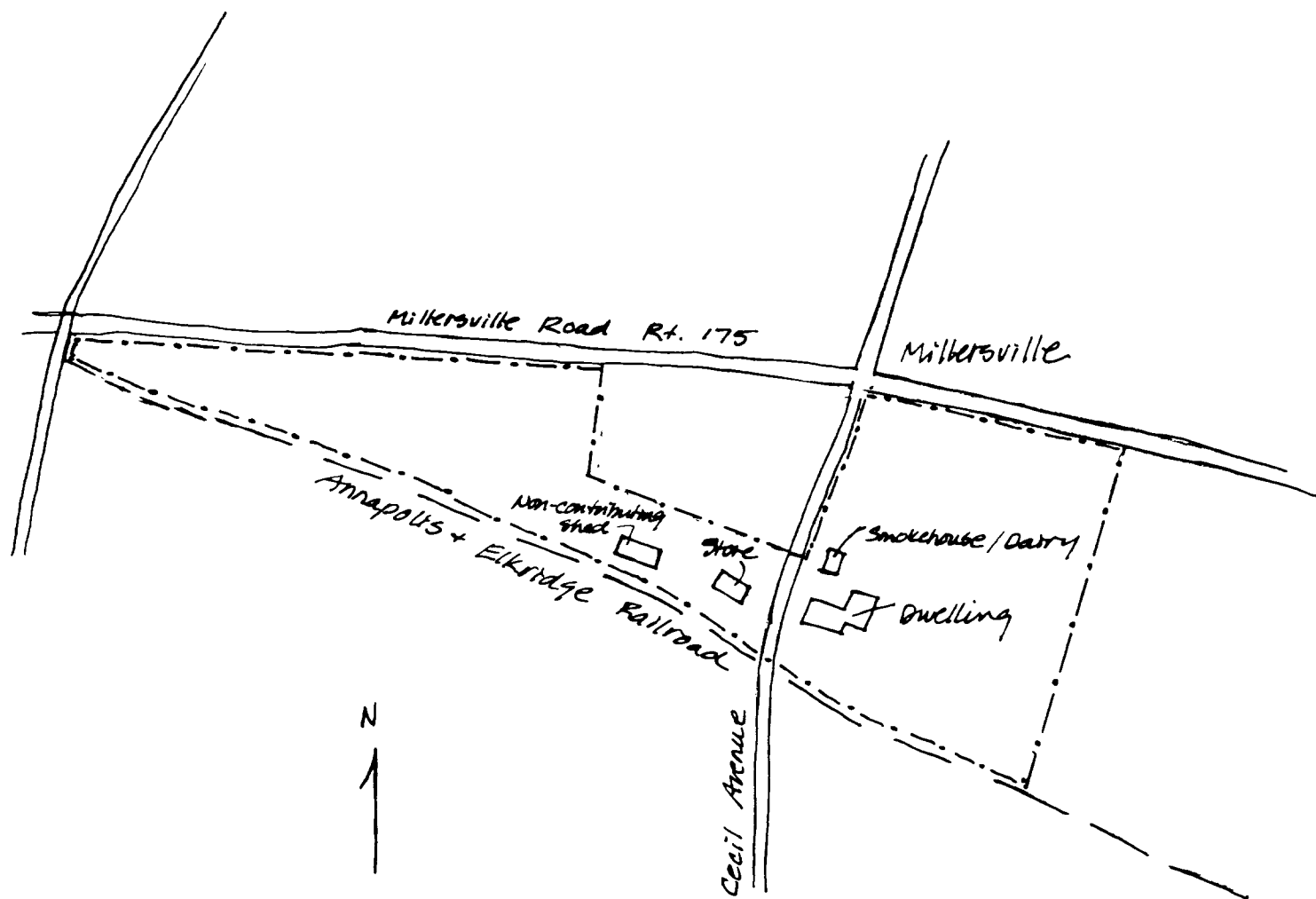
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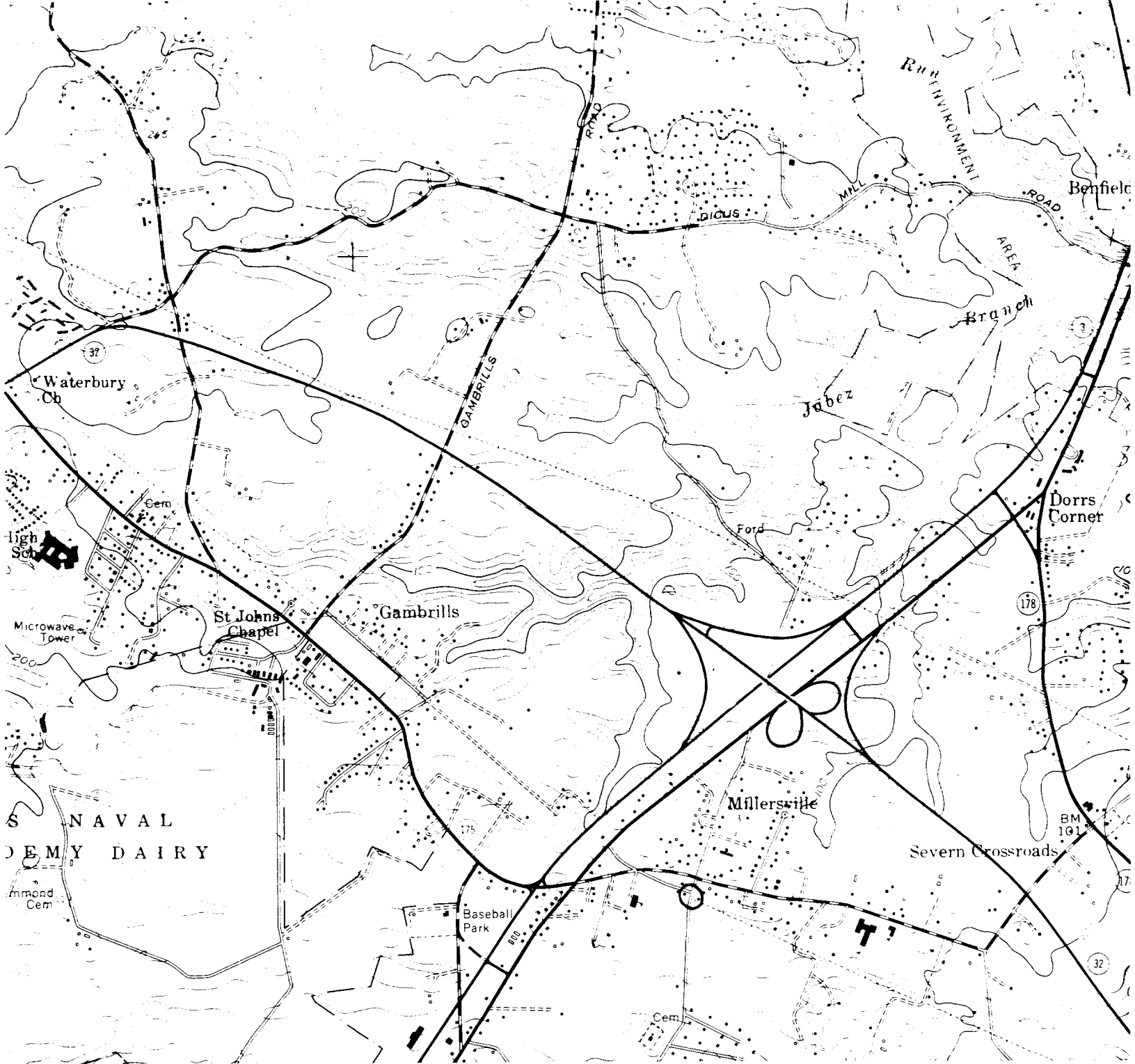
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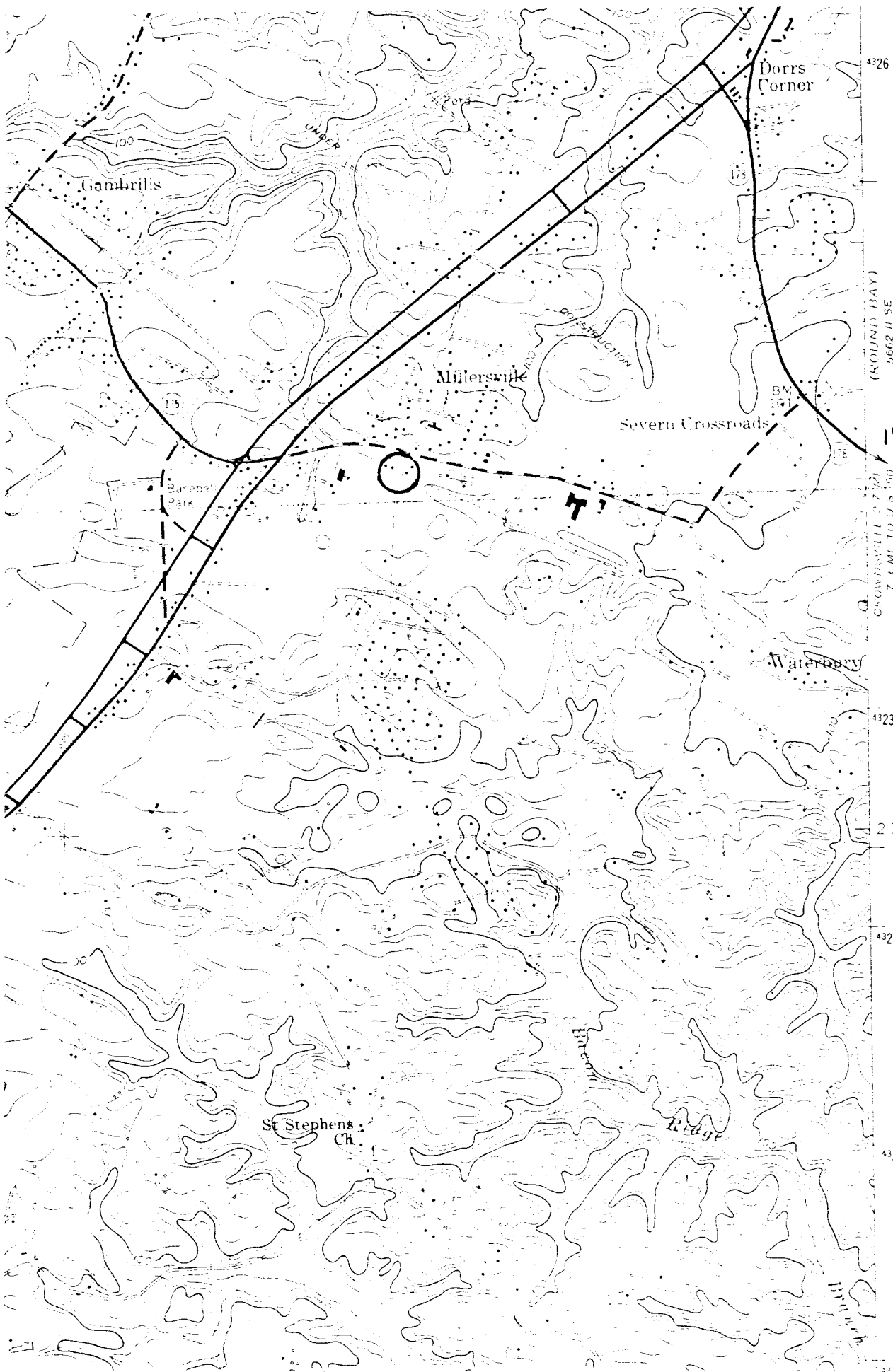
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Scale 1" = 200'

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Odenton, MD  
 USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale 1:24,000  
 1957;photorevised 1979

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 1003 Cecil Avenue  
 Millersville



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Dorrs Corner

Gambrills

Millersville

Severn Crossroads

Bareba Park

Waterbury

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MARYLAND

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2 30"

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St Stephens  
Ch.

Bridge

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Facade - S. Elev and E. Elev.



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Facade - S. elev.



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East elev.



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West elev. of ell





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Dwelling, smokehouse/dairy,  
looking S.W.



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Dwelling & smokehouse/dairy,  
looking east



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View of facade porch, looking  
west



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Entrance into East wing, facade,  
S. elev.





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Entrance into main block,

S. elev.



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Int.: Central passage, main  
block; view toward S. elev.



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Int.: Central passage, main  
block; view to stair & N.  
partition



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Int.: Marbleized mantel, E.  
wall, 1st floor, N.E. room,  
main block





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Int.: Mid-19th century mantel,

E. wall, 1st fl., S.E. room,

main block



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Int.: Mantel & cupboards,  
east wall, east wing



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Int.: Carpenter & Tildesley  
lock, front door, S. wall,  
main block



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Int.: Wood lock on batten door,  
main block, N.W. room





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Int: Latch lock on batten door,  
west wall of ell wing



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Circa 1920 Store - facade -  
east elev.



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Smokehouse/dairy, S. elev. and  
east gable end

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Smokehouse door with rosehead  
nails, S. elev.

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Child's Residence  
Millersville  
South front  
Marion Carroll  
Sept. 1978



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Childs Residence

Millersville

Post Office Buidl .

Marion Carroll

Sept. 1918



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(map 15)

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Childs residence

North Elevation

amb. att. 5/75